Excused: Marilyn Davies, Tim Ameel, Patrick Tresco
Guests: A.K. Balaji (ME), Mike Kirby (SoC), Rob McLeod (BIO)

Calendar

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<td>5:30 – 7:00pm College Scholarship Reception, Catmull Gallery</td>
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<td>7:00 pm Meet an Inventor Night - Cooking Pot to Engineering – Shark Tank 250,000K MSE students won.</td>
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<td>Ivory Prize for Excellence in Student leadership nominations due to Dean’s office</td>
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<td>ENAC – Former Governor Leavitt, Academic VP Ruth Watkins, and Vince Mikolay from GOED</td>
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Announcements/Follow-up

- New Dean of College of Science: Henry White. Will begin July 1, 2014
- The AAU Case has been made. It is generally strong compared to many AAU schools, but we are weak on number of Ph.D.’s per faculty. As a university, we are high on postdocs per faculty. We would look better if we produced more Ph.D. students rather than having professionals doing research.
- Transformative Excellence Proposals:
  - 24 proposals were submitted
  - 3-5 will be supported this year, more in the future
  - Reviews are in late April
- Career Center Graduate Counselor – In general, we would like to make the Career Center more effective for our students. We believe they would be better if they had a better presence in engineering. They need visibility here and the students need to know where they are located. Dean Brown will communicate with Stan Inman that we would like to have the Career Center counselors visible in Engineering. Francine Mahak is assigned to work with graduate students in the College of Engineering; she is willing to come meet the faculty in each department. We need to help students find good internships. The Chemical Department has met twice with their graduate counselor.
- Dean Brown attended the Engineering Deans’ Meeting which was held in Phoenix. He reported that most all programs are growing. We have had a ten-year head start, but almost all schools are growing now. There are a lot of searches for faculty and there is competition for graduate student recruiting. Dean Wayne Davis, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, commented that we are doing something unique and good here as we have moved up more places in US News & World Report in the past 5 yr. than any other public university. We are moving in the right direction!
Discussion Items

• Scholarships/Fellowships – Here is the current status of the scholarships, however, not all of the departments have finished:
  Issued 350 scholarships worth $1,070,000 (50 to engineering freshman)
  The University awarded 615 scholarships to entering freshman students with an interest in engineering.
  (Those are trustees $1000 with ACT over 26 – entering students).
  13 of the CoE graduate Fellowships have been accepted at this point.

• We would like to see departments increase the number of freshmen directly admitted. We have talked about direct admissions for the past four years and have been waiting until we could get easy access to student transcripts. It looks like this will happen next year as the admissions office is in the process of getting quotes for the system needed to do the scanning.
  At the University of Washington, direct admission is a major focus of their admission. Their goal is to direct admit 70% of the freshman class. They have a lot of great students trying to get in, however, they admit fewer than 50% who come to the school to get degrees in engineering & computer science. The University of Maryland direct admits 800 students; 200 are admitted in pre-engineering.
  For us there is a great advantage in direct admission, specifically because BYU and USU do not do it. We could make it a good recruiting tool. Students know that if they do well, they don’t have to worry about getting into the program they want. Some schools promise to get them into “some” program as long as their GPA stays up basically saying, “we believe in you, and as long as you don’t get in academic trouble, we’ll get you into engineering”. However, if students aren’t prepared and need to take preparatory classes, they should not be admitted into majors, but rather, should be pre-engineers. So the question is: what do we lose if we admit the top part of the class? ME is doing direct admission by looking mainly at transcripts, composite scores and student statement and feels it is working pretty well. CHEM is using direct admitting, and SoC is using direct admit, although it is not doing quite as well at evaluating freshman year performance.

• Budgets – Thank you for all of your work getting your budgets done. Michael has most budget narratives done. Please remember to sit down with each faculty member for a performance review.